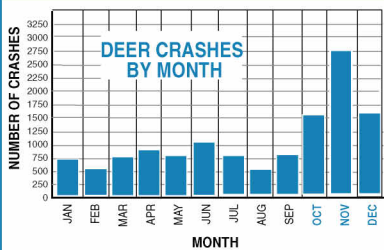
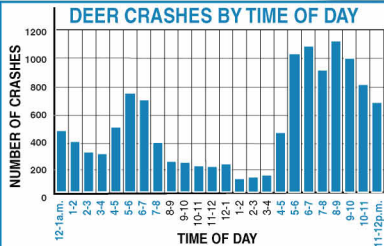


DRIVING TIPS THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE



Deer crashes are most common from October through December



The number of deer crashes peaks between 5pm and midnight. The high number of crashes from midnight to 8am, when traffic is very light, indicates this also is a dangerous time for deer crashes.

The key to safe driving is to stay alert and pay attention. The **SPIDE** process provides these steps to avoid crashes.

- Search the roadway and off-road areas 20-30 seconds ahead.
- Identify objects that may enter your path of travel well in advance.
- Predict actions or changes in the roadway that may increase crash risk.
- Decide how to minimize collision risk.
- Execute your decision.

CRASH RATES ARE RISING

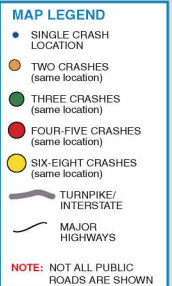
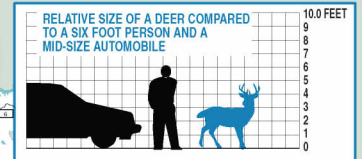
Crashes involving animals in Maine have nearly doubled over the past 10 years. Crashes with deer can occur anywhere in Maine—even urban areas. An average of 35 deer crashes are reported daily. Many of these crashes result in vehicle occupant injury or fatality.

SOME DRIVING TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOU FROM BEING A STATISTIC

- Make sure you can see an adequate distance ahead.
- If you see one deer cross the road, watch out for others.
- Always have everyone buckle up.
- Reduce speed, especially when dark.
- Do not overdrive your headlights.
- Use high beam headlights when appropriate.



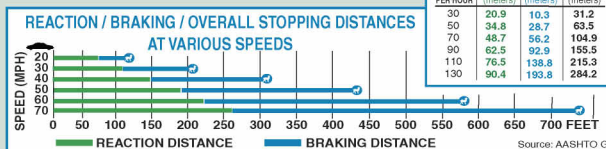
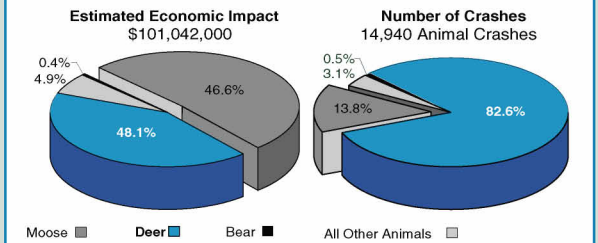
MAINE DEER CRASHES 1999-2001



DEER VEHICLE CRASH FACTS IN MAINE 1999-2001

	DEER
NUMBER OF CRASHES	12,335
NO. OF CRASHES WITH HUMAN INJURIES OR FATALITIES	465
NUMBER OF HUMAN FATALITIES	2
NUMBER OF HUMAN INJURIES	519
ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$47,077,000
ESTIMATED IMPACT PER CRASH	\$3,800

MAINE CRASHES INVOLVING ANIMALS (1999-2001)



During night driving, fog and rain, the recognition reaction time is increased; also, road surface (wet, icy) conditions and topographic features (hills) extend stopping distances.



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